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SUBJECT: LORAN GRID CALIBRATION PROJECT

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1. AS REQUESTED BY USAREUR AND USAFE REPRESENTATIVES DURING MEETING AT EMBASSY ON SEPTEMBER 19, CONCURRENCE IS HEREBY GIVEN FOR EMPLOYMENT OF LORAN RECEIVERS IN USMLM TOUR VEHICLES WITH PURPOSE OF TAKING TIME DIFFERENCE READINGS FOR CALIBRATION OF LORAN D SYSTEM.

2. AS DISCUSSED DURING THE SEPTEMBER 19 MEETING, OUR UNDERSTANDING OF USMLM ROLE IS AS FOLLOWS:

A) THERE WILL BE NO SIGNIFICANT DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL USMLM OPERATIONS. READINGS WILL BE TAKEN OVER PERIOD OF TEN TO TWELVE WEEKS AT RATE OF THREE PER USMLM TOUR. ROUTE OF EACH SUCH TOUR WOULD BE CLOSE TO
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INSTALLATIONS NORMALLY TARGETED BUT NOT SO CLOSE AS TO

STIR UP SECURITY FORCES OF SENSITIVE SOVIET/GDR
INSTALLATIONS. NORMAL COLLECTION ACTIVITY WILL NOT BE
CONDUCTED, IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE RISKS.

B) NONE OF THE 65 SITES WHERE READINGS ARE TO BE
TAKEN IS WITHIN A PRA OR TRA. IF A SITE SHOULD FALL
WITHIN A SUBSEQUENTLY-ESTABLISHED TRA, THE USMLM
WILL WAIT UNTIL TRA EXPIRED BEFORE TAKING
THE READING.

C) THE EQUIPMENT REQUIRED IS A RECEIVER ABOUT THE
SIZE OF A MAN-PACK WHICH WILL BE INSTALLED IN THE TRUNK
OF USMLM VEHICLE. A SMALL HAND-HELD DIGITAL READ-OUT
DEVICE WILL BE KEPT OUT OF SIGHT IN THE PASSENGER
COMPARTMENT EXCEPT WHEN READINGS ARE BEING TAKEN. THE
REGULAR CAR RADIO ANTENNA (STANDARD BROADCAST) WILL BE
USED. ALTHOUGH IT MAY BE MOVED FROM VEHICLE TO VEHICLE,
ONLY ONE RECEIVER WILL BE USED FOR THE ENTIRE PROJECT.

D) READINGS WILL REQUIRE ABOUT TEN MINUTES AT
EACH SPOT AND WILL BE TAKEN DURING NORMAL "COFFEE
BREAKS" OR REST STOPS.

E) IF USMLM TOUR SUSPECTS IT IS UNDER SOVIET/GDR
SURVEILLANCE, IT WILL NOT TAKE THE LORAN D READINGS.

F) NO LORAN EQUIPMENT WILL BE IN A VEHICLE IN A
STATIC OBSERVATION POINT (EXCEPTING, OF COURSE, FOR THE
TEN-MINUTE READINGS).

G) THE LORAN EQUIPMENT MAY BE DESTROYED BY USMLM
PERSONNEL IF REQUIRED TO PREVENT COMPROMISE.

3. REQUEST CONFIRMATION OF THIS UNDERSTANDING. RE-
QUEST ALSO THAT EMBASSY BE KEPT INFORMED OF ANY
SOVIET/GDR REACTIONS AS USMLM TAKES READINGS AND
OF ANY DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED BY USMLM AS PROJECT
PROCEEDS.

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